

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system provided on at least one computer readable medium executed within a computerized environment, the system comprising:

at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver, each ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver corresponding to a ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device;

at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver, each serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver corresponding to a serial ~~legacy~~ input device; and,

a manager component, the manager component comprising,

a process for receiving input from the at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver, and providing the input to one or more application programs, such that the one or more application programs receive receiving the input from the ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device corresponding to each ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver without directly communicating with each ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver, and

a device addition process for adding additional serial input devices and additional non-serial input devices, the device addition process requiring a registration determination step for the additional non-serial input devices and skipping the registration determination step for the additional serial input devices.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver according to a pre-existing manner in which the one or more application programs had previously received only the input from the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver, ~~such that~~ the manager component ~~leverages~~ leveraging the pre-existing manner for providing the input from the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver to the one or more application programs in an integrated manner, ~~such that~~ the one or more application programs ~~receive~~ receiving both the input from the at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver and in a same way as the programs receive the input from the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver, through the manager component.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver to the one or more application programs in a manner by which new ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices and corresponding ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers are addable to the system without requiring revision of the manager component for the manager component to be able to provide input from the new ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the manager component provides the input from the at least one ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device driver and the at least one serial ~~legacy~~ input device driver to the one or more application programs in a manner by which new ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices and corresponding ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers are addable to the system without requiring revision of the one or more application programs for the one or more application programs to be able to receive input from the new ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices through the manager component.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more application programs include a media application program having media focus, ~~such that~~ the media application program ~~receives~~ receiving the input provided by the manager component that relates to media devices, regardless of whether the media application program currently has active focus as a foreground application program.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more application programs include a telephony application program having telephony focus, ~~such that~~ the telephony application program ~~receives~~ receiving the input provided by the manager component that relates to telephony devices, regardless of whether the telephony program currently has active focus as a foreground application program.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more application programs include an inactive application program having pointing device focus, ~~such that the inactive application program receives~~ receiving the input provided by the manager component that relates to pointing devices where the input coincides with the inactive application program, even though the inactive application program has inactive focus as a background application program.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising an input queue for each of the one or more application programs, ~~such that the input provided by the manager component is provided~~ providing the input to the one or more application programs through the input queue for each application program.

Claims 10-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for execution within a computerized environment, the method comprising:

providing input by one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers corresponding to ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices and one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers corresponding to serial ~~legacy~~ input devices;

receiving the input from the one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers and the one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers by a manager component; and,

providing the input by the manager component to one or more application programs, ~~such that~~ the one or more application programs ~~receive~~ receiving input from the ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices corresponding to the one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers without directly communicating with the one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers, and

providing an input manager device addition process for adding at least one additional serial input device and at least one additional non-serial input device, the device addition process requiring a registration determination step for the at least one additional non-serial input device and skipping the registration determination step for the at least one additional serial input device.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein providing the input by the manager component to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input according to a pre-existing manner in which the one or more application programs had previously received only the input from the one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers, ~~such that~~ the manager component ~~leverages~~ leveraging the pre-existing manner for providing the input from the one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein providing the input by the manager component to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input in an integrated manner, ~~such that~~ the one or more application programs ~~receive~~ receiving the input from the one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers through an identical process ~~in a same way~~ as the programs receive the input from the ~~at one or more~~ serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving input from one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers for corresponding ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices and one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers for one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input devices; and,

providing the input to one or more application programs, ~~such that~~ the one or more application programs ~~receive~~ receiving input from the ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input devices corresponding to the one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers without directly communicating with the one or more ~~non-legacy~~ non-serial input device drivers, and

adding at least one additional serial input device and at least one additional non-serial input device, the device addition process requiring a registration determination step for the at least one additional non-serial input device and skipping the registration determination step for the at least one additional serial input device.

29. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 28, wherein providing the input to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input

according to a pre-existing manner in which the one or more application programs had previously received only the input from the one or more serial ~~legacy~~ input device drivers.

30. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 28, wherein providing the input to the one or more application programs comprises providing the input in an integrated manner, ~~such that~~ the one or more application programs similarly ~~receive~~ receiving the input from the one or more non-legacy input drivers ~~in a same way as the~~ programs receive the input and from the ~~at~~ one or more legacy input drivers.